(000 tonnes)

Year	Total Production
1999-2000	20715.5
2000-2001	18436.8
2001-2002	20460.8

(d) Yes, Sir.

Corporatising DMS

1731. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to corporatise the Delhi Milk Scheme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Valuers have been appointed for valuation of DMS land and assets.

Fall in agricultural production

1732. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Agricultural growth is on the decline, if so, what is the level to be achieved this year;

(b) the States which have reported negative growth;

(c) what are the main causes of the negative growth; and

(d) what major steps are being initiated to improve the agricultural growth in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The production of principal agricultural crops in the country shows a long-term upward trend, although with fluctuations caused by factors like changes in weather, availability and utilization of yield enhancing inputs, etc.